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SUBJECT: NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT (NAM): SOME

INDONESIAN VIEWS

1. MISOFF MET WITH INDONESIAN MISSION NAM OFFICER,  
SUMARYO SURYOKUSUMO, APRIL 17 FOR A GENERAL DISCUSSION  
ON NAM AFFAIRS. OF NOTE:

- A) LEFTWARD DRIFT IN THE NAM?: SURYOKUSUMO CON-  
SIDERED THE "RADICALS" AND "MODERATES" WERE RELATIVELY  
EVENLY BALANCED IN THE NAM AT ABOUT FIFTEEN EACH. HE  
LABELED ALL OTHER MEMBERS AS "PROGRESSIVE," I.E., VOTING  
MORE OFTEN WITH THE "RADICALS" THAN NOT. BY HIS CALCULUS,  
THEREFORE, SURYOKUSUMO CONSIDERED THE "MODERATES" OUT-  
NUMBERED IN THE NAM AND WEAK IN TERMS OF INFLUENCE. STILL,  
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HE CONTINUED, THE "MODERATE" TRACK RECORD IN THE NAM HAD  
RECENTLY NOT BEEN ALL THAT BAD. THE MODERATES HAD BEATEN  
DOWN CUBAN ATTEMPTS TO RAISE THE SAHARA ISSUE WITHIN THE  
NAM IN JANUARY IN NEW YORK AND THEY HAD MANAGED TO KEEP  
SEVERAL CONTENTIOUS ISSUES (E.G. PUERTO RICO, FRANCE'S  
MILITARY ROLE IN ARRICA) OFF THE KABUL AGENDA.

- B) KABUL: SURYOKUSUMO CAUTIONED THAT NAM "RADICALS" WOULD STILL ATTEMPT TO RAISE CONTENTIOUS ISSUES IN KABUL EVEN IF THEY WERE NOT FORMALLY ON THE AGENDA. BUT SURYOKUSUMO DID NOT BELIEVE THAT NAM "MODERATES" WOULD BE WILLING OR ABLE TO QUESTION CUBA'S NON-ALIGNED CREDENTIALS AT KABUL OR TO CENSURE CUBA'S CONTINUING PRESENCE IN ETHIOPIA. WHEN ASKED TO EXPAND ON WHY NAM "MODERATES" WOULD NOT UNDERTAKE SUCH INITIATIVES, SURYOKUSUMO REFERRED TO THE INTERNAL DOMESTIC POLITICS OF NAM STATES. NAM STATES, HE EXPANDED, REGARDLESS OF IDEOLOGICAL PERSUASION, WERE RELATIVELY NEW AND UNSETTLED. THEY ALL WERE CONCERNED WITH NATIONAL POLITICAL CONSOLIDATION. EVEN THE LEAST RADICAL AMONG THEM HAD LEFTIST INTERNAL ELEMENTS WHICH HAD TO BE DEALT WITH. OPEN ATTACKS ON THE CUBANS IN NAM MEETINGS COULD VERY WELL BRING DOMESTIC PROBLEMS BACK HOME WITH "LEFTIST" POLITICAL MINORITIES. THE EFFORT WAS NOT CONSIDERED WORTH THE RISK. SURYOKUSUMO RECALLED THAT THE USG ALSO MADE ITS FOREIGN POLICY WITH AN EAR COCKED TO POWERFUL DOMESTIC MINORITIES.

- (C) INDONESIA'S ROLE IN THE NAM:

SURYOKUSUMO SAID THAT INDONESIA, AFTER MORE THAN THIRTEEN YEARS OF PLAYING A RELATIVELY PASSIVE ROLE IN THE NAM, HAD NOW DECIDED TO RENEW ITS ACTIVITY IN THE MOVEMENT. INDONESIA'S PRIMARY PURPOSE IN THIS RENEWED ACTIVITY WAS TO STIFFEN THE MODERATE WING WITHIN THE NAM.

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FOREIGN MINISTER MOCHTAR INTENDED TO PERSONALLY DEVOTE CONSIDERABLE ENERGIES TO THIS TASK. SURYOKUSUMO SAID THAT MOCHTAR, AN EX-MINISTER OF JUSTICE, WOULD PROBABLY ADOPT A "LEGALISTIC" ATTITUDE TOWARD NAM ENDEAVORS.

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